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Linking It All Together

About This Newsletter

This newsletter is published bi-monthly to inform NCIC users of the status of NCIC 2000. It is our hope that this will keep all interested parties abreast of changes and developments so that you, the user, can begin, and continue to make, any necessary purchases and modifications to your systems. If your agency would like more information on any of these topics, please contact Mr. Roy Weise at 1-304-625-2730.

Please Note

Because criminal justice agencies throughout the Nation will be affected by the NCIC 2000 development, much information about the system is available from many sources, especially the Internet and World Wide Web. However, some of this information may be erroneous or outdated. Users should take great care to confirm any information they receive about NCIC 2000 with their State Control Terminal Agency (CTA) or Federal

Service Coordinator (FSC). Local users should check with their CTAs prior to acquiring any equipment, software, or services designed to access NCIC 2000.

Project Status Update

Installation of Fingerprint Matching Subsystem (FMS) in Clarksburg, West Virginia

In January 1999, the FBI delivered and installed the FMS at its Clarksburg, West Virginia facility. The balance of the NCIC 2000 equipment and software was delivered to Clarksburg in October 1998. This means that all NCIC 2000 system equipment and software is now up and running in Clarksburg.

NCIC 2000 User Testing

Testing is underway with CTAs and FSCs. Many NCIC users have completed the first step of this testing, External Interface Checkout (EIC). EIC includes scripted tests of all on-line system transactions in both NCIC and NCIC 2000 formats. The EIC phase of the user testing completed in April 1999.

In mid-February, CTAs and FSCs that completed EIC testing began NCIC 2000 Site Operational Testing (SOT). Other users will be able to move to the SOT once they complete their EIC testing. SOT will complete in May 1999.

During SOT, CTAs and FSCs will be able to send any transactions in NCIC or NCIC 2000 format and will receive responses in NCIC 2000 format. Keep in mind that **ALL** dates, regardless of whether they are in NCIC or NCIC 2000 format, must use the Federal standard date format (YYYYMMDD) required for Year 2000 compliance.

At SOT, NCIC 2000 will have a snapshot of a full NCIC 2000 database converted to NCIC 2000 format. They will also be able to run batch jobs (such as on-line special requests) and receive file transfers from NCIC 2000. CTAs and FSCs will be able to gain experience with the new NCIC 2000 response formats and new capabilities, such as entering and receiving images (note: image processing is available only for the TCP/IP and SNA communications protocols).

Preparing for NCIC 2000 Initial Operating Capability (IOC)

NCIC 2000 will begin operations in July 1999. The time between the end of SOT in May 1999 and NCIC 2000 IOC in July 1999 will be critical for users and the FBI to complete all the necessary preparations for a successful transition from NCIC to NCIC 2000.

On May 16 1999, the FBI will conduct a practice cutover to NCIC 2000. All CTAs and FSCs will participate. If you have any questions about the activities leading up to the beginning of NCIC 2000 operations, please contact your CTA or FSC. CTAs or FSCs with questions should contact the CJIS Division, System Transition Unit (STU) on 304-625-2730.

NCIC 2000 will begin operations on July 11, 1999.

Wireless Applications Testing Program:

CJIS Division, STU in conjunction with the NCIC 2000 Program Management Office, has published two Requests for Information in the Commerce Business Daily (accessed at <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov>) regarding integration of wireless communications systems, peripherals, and mobile live scan devices.

CJISD is gearing up for on-site testing of wireless communications systems and peripherals in Clarksburg, WV. Available wireless infrastructure will include a Cellular Digital Packet Data system, dedicated wireless data system and Project 25 integrated voice/data system.

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For further information on wireless issues as they pertain to law enforcement and public safety, access the PSWN web site at **www.PSWN.gov**. For further information on the FBI's Wireless Applications Test Program contact STU at (304) 625-2730.

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